

REMARKS

I. Status Summary

In this Amendment, no claims are added and claims 1-5, 8, 9, 19, 22-25, and 27-29 are canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 6, 7, 10-17, 20, 21, 26, 30, and 31 will be pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10-17 are allowed. No changes are made to these claims. Thus, these claims should remain allowed.

Claims 6, 7, 20, 21, 26, 30, and 31 were objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims. Each of these claims has been rewritten in independent form to include the elements of the base claim and intervening claims or depends from an allowable claim. "Local" is added before instances of "media gateway" in claims 20, 21, 26, and 30 for clarity. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 6, 7, 11-17, 20, 21, 26, 30, and 31 should now be allowed.

All of the remaining claims are canceled. Accordingly, because all of the claims are either allowed or are indicated as allowable, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Official Action.

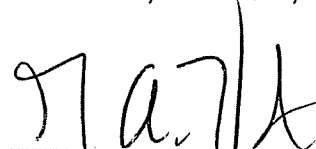
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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